

IN THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 has been amended to include a "Prior Art" legend.

Fig. 3 has been amended to included identifier "28".

REMARKS

This application is being filed concurrently with entry into the National Stage (Chapter 1) of International Application No. PCT/GB2005/001087 which claims the priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 0406887.0.

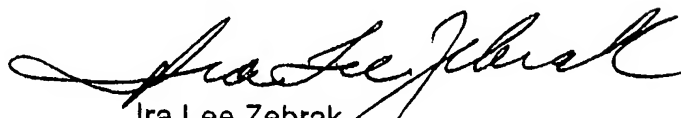
This Preliminary Amendment was considered when calculating the filing fee. Accordingly, the total number of claims specified on the Transmittal Letter is 17 and the number of independent claims is 3.

The Specification has been amended to place the application in proper U.S. format. Headings have been added to each section. In addition, the text deleted from page 2 lines 20-30 has been inserted on page 4 line 30. The text deleted from page 3 lines 1-15 has been inserted on page 5 line 14. Finally, the text deleted from page 3 lines 17-32 and page 4 lines 1-2 has been inserted on page 6 line 10. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1-17 remain in the application and claim 18 has been cancelled. Claims 1-17 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies in these claims and to place the claims in proper U.S. format. Figures 1 and 3 have also been amended to place these drawings in proper U.S. format.

It is not believed at this time that any additional fee is due. As a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865 any additional fee required by this submission.

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